

Remarks/Arguments

The specification has been amended to indicate that this application is a U.S. National Phase Application of PCT International Application PCT/EP2003/011586 filed October 20, 2003.

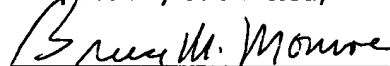
The claims have been amended to remove multiple dependent claims and to introduce conventional claim language. Support for new claims 8-12 is found in original claims 3-7, respectively. Support for new claims 13 and 14 is found in original claim 7.

It is submitted that no new matter is introduced by these amendments and new claims.

Entry of the above amendments is respectfully requested prior to examination of the application.

The Examiner is invited to phone applicants' attorney if it is believed that a telephonic or personal interview would expedite prosecution of the application.

Respectfully submitted,



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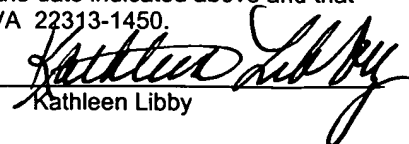
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